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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended)      An automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device comprising a detergent bar comprising a detergent composition, a detergent additive, or a detergent composition which includes a detergent additive, said detergent bar disposed within a channel, wherein the detergent bar completely fills at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel and at least a portion of the detergent bar contacts the channel and is not exposed to the wash liquor, the channel having an inlet aperture which is in communication therewith.
- 2.( currently amended)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a uniform bore, which along its length or at least along the portion of its length is filled by the detergent bar.
- 3.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel is a tube.
- 4.(currently amended)      A device according to claim 3 ~~claim 4~~, wherein the tube is cylindrical.
- 5.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has one open end which communicates with the inlet aperture.
- 6.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 5, wherein the channel comprises a form similar to a drinking glass.
- 7.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 1 wherein the channel has a plurality of open ends each of which being in communication with an inlet aperture.

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- 8.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 5, wherein the channel comprises a tube both ends of which are open.
- 9.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 5, wherein the open end of the channel comprises the inlet aperture.
- 10.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a secondary aperture.
- 11.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture comprises a slit in the side of the channel.
- 12.( currently amended)      A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture is ~~may comprise~~ a plurality of separate apertures.
- 13.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 1, wherein a barrier is arranged around the periphery of the channel.
- 14.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 13, wherein the barrier comprises a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel.
- 15.( currently amended)      A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is larger than the holes present in a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel ~~of the dishwasher sieve~~.
- 16.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is less than 5mm.

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- 17.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a means to control the amount of wash liquor which contacts the detergent bar.
- 18.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 17, wherein the means comprises a collecting funnel.
- 19.( withdrawn)      A device according to claim 18, wherein the collecting funnel has a drainage opening in its collecting portion.
- 20.( previously presented)      A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a water-resistant or water insoluble material.
- 21.( withdrawn)      The use of an automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device in an automatic washing machine in an automatic washing machine process, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.
- 22.( withdrawn)      An automatic washing machine process, comprising the step of providing to an automatic washing machine a detergent dispensing device, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.